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The Honorable Chairman and Members of the
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
465 South King Street
Kekuanaoa Building, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 2006-0387
MECO 2007 Test Year Rate Case
Request for Extension to File Parties' Joint Settlement Letter

By letter dated November 30, 2007 the Commission granted Maui Electric Company, Limited's ("MECO" or "Company") November 19, 2007 request to suspend the remainder of the procedural steps of the Stipulated Schedule of Proceedings (as approved with modifications by the Commission in Order No. 23496 in the subject docket), provided that the deadlines for the filing of the Parties' Joint Settlement Letter (December 3, 2007) and MECO's Statement of Probable Entitlement (December 14, 2007) are excluded from the suspension. As stated in the Company's November 19, 2007 request, the Parties in this proceeding – MECO and the Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Consumer Advocate") – have reached verbal settlement of all revenue requirement issues in this proceeding. Since that time, the Parties have been working to develop the Joint Settlement Letter and exhibits. MECO and the Consumer Advocate have made substantial progress on the Joint Settlement Letter but need additional time to finalize it. Therefore, the Parties respectfully request an extension to this Friday, December 7, 2007, to file the Joint Settlement Letter. The parties will endeavor to file the Joint Settlement Letter before that date. Also, MECO anticipates being able to file a statement of probable entitlement upon execution of the joint settlement letter, in advance of the December 14, 2007 due date. The Consumer Advocate concurs with this request.

Very truly yours,

cc: Division of Consumer Advocacy